

security slot, and a locked position wherein said locking member is retained within [the] said security slot; [and]

a pin, [adapted to interlock] coupled through said housing, [and to extend] for extending into [the] said security slot proximate said slot engaging portion when said slot engagement member is in said locked position to thereby inhibit rotation of said slot engagement member to said unlocked position; and

cable attachment means, coupled to said housing, for attaching a cable to said housing.

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[55]~~57~~. (AMENDED) The apparatus of claim [54] <sup>1</sup>~~56~~ wherein said pin includes a first threaded portion, [adapted to thread to a] complementary to a second threaded portion in an aperture in said housing.

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[56]~~58~~. (AMENDED) The apparatus of claim [54] <sup>1</sup>~~56~~ wherein said pin extends a distance into the security slot greater than a wall thickness of the external wall.

<sup>4</sup>  
[57]~~59~~. (AMENDED) The apparatus of claim [54] <sup>1</sup>~~56~~ wherein a first side of said housing abuts the external wall, said housing includes a cavity and a second side opposite said first side that is open to access said cavity wherein said pin is insertable through said second side and into said cavity to interlock said first side and the security slot.

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[58]~~60~~. (AMENDED) The apparatus of claim [54] <sup>4</sup>~~59~~ wherein said pin includes a first threaded portion [adapted to thread to

a) complementary to a second threaded portion in an aperture in said first side of said housing.

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[59]~~62~~. (AMENDED) The apparatus of claim [54] <sup>1</sup>~~56~~ wherein said housing includes [opposing] sidewalls orthogonal to said first side wherein said [opposing] sidewalls include opposing apertures to permit an object to extend therethrough after insertion of said pin into the security slot to inhibit removal of said pin from the security slot.

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[60]~~62~~. (AMENDED) The apparatus of claim [59] <sup>6</sup>~~61~~ wherein said object is a cable.

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[61]~~63~~. (AMENDED) The apparatus of claim [57] <sup>4</sup>~~59~~ further comprising a spindle adapted for insertion into said cavity, said spindle incorporating said pin at a first end such that insertion of said spindle into said cavity inserts said pin into the security slot through an aperture in said first side.

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[62]~~64~~. (AMENDED) The apparatus of claim [61] <sup>8</sup>~~63~~ wherein said housing includes [opposing] sidewalls orthogonal to said first side wherein said [opposing] sidewalls include apertures and a second end of said spindle includes a transverse aperture [colinear] collinear with said opposing apertures in said [opposing] sidewalls, said opposing apertures and said transverse apertures permitting an object to extend therethrough after insertion of said pin into the security slot to inhibit removal of said pin from the security slot.

~~10~~ 6. (NEW) A removable, lockable, portable electronic device attachment system, comprising:

a cable for attaching to a first object other than a portable electronic device;

a housing, proximate to said electronic device and including a slot engagement member having a slot engaging portion provided with a locking member having a peripheral profile complementary to preselected dimensions of a security slot provided in an exterior wall of said portable electronic device to thereby permit said locking member to extend into said slot, said slot engagement member being rotatable between an unlocked position wherein said locking member is removable from the slot, and a locked position wherein said locking member is retained within the slot;

— a pin, coupled through said housing, for extending into said security slot proximate said slot engaging portion when said slot engagement member is in said locked position to thereby inhibit rotation of said slot engagement member to said unlocked position; and

means, coupled to said housing, for attaching said cable to said housing.

7 6. (NEW) A cable attachment apparatus, comprising:  
a portable electronic device having an exterior wall provided with a security slot;

a housing, adapted to abut said exterior wall adjacent said security slot, said housing including a slot engagement member having a slot engaging portion provided with a locking member

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having a peripheral profile complementary to said security slot to permit said locking member to extend into said security slot, said slot engagement member being rotatable between an unlocked position wherein said locking member is removable from said security slot, and a locked position wherein said locking member is retained within said security slot;

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a pin, coupled through said housing adjacent to said slot engagement member, for extending into said security slot proximate said slot engaging portion when said slot engagement member is in said locked position to thereby inhibit rotation of said slot engagement member to said unlocked position; and

means, coupled to said housing, for retaining said cable to said housing.

12. ~~54~~. (NEW) The apparatus of claim ~~56~~ wherein said locking member is "T-shaped."--

REMARKS

Upon approval of the undersigned's request for entry of the present amendment renumbering claims 54-62 as 56-64, amending claims 56-64, and adding new claims 65-67, claims 56-66 are now pending. Previously examined claims 54-62 were rejected variously under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102(b) and 103. In light of the amendments and the following comments, the rejections of all the pending claims is respectfully requested to be withdrawn. In light of the renumbering, reference to claim numbers below refers to the new numbers.

The Claimed Invention:

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